IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re: Exide Technologies, et al) Bankr. Case No. 02-11125 (KJC)
EnerSys Delaware, Inc., Appellant,)) Civil Action No. 06-302
v.)
Exide Technologies, Appellee.)))

OBJECTION OF ENERSYS DELAWARE, INC. F/K/A ENERSYS, INC. TO MOTION OF REORGANIZED EXIDE TECHNOLOGIES TO EXPEDITE APPEAL

EnerSys Delaware, Inc. f/k/a EnerSys, Inc. ("EnerSys"), by and through its undersigned attorneys, objects to Reorganized Exide Technologies' ("Reorganized Exide") motion to expedite the appeal (the "Motion") on the following bases:

- 1. On August 7, 2006, Reorganized Exide filed the Motion seeking an expedited schedule for briefing and oral argument. Pursuant to Local Rule of Civil Practice and Procedure of the United States District Court for the District of Delaware ("D. Del. L.R.") 7.1.2, EnerSys' responsive pleading would have been due on August 17, 2006.
- 2. On August 8, 2006, prior to the time EnerSys had to file a response to the Motion, the Court entered an order (the "Scheduling Order") establishing a briefing schedule. The Scheduling Order does not make any reference to the Motion.
- 3. Following entry of the Scheduling Order and in an effort to resolve the Motion, EnerSys contacted counsel for Reorganized Exide and requested that it withdraw the Motion since the Motion appeared to have been rendered moot by the Scheduling Order. Reorganized Exide refused.

- 4. Given the obvious facial defects in the Motion, EnerSys will not waste the Court's time responding to Reorganized Exide's allegations, commentary or arguments. EnerSys' silence, however, should not be taken as agreement with such allegations, commentary and arguments. To the contrary, EnerSys does not agree with much, if any, of the Background or Argument sections within the Motion.
- 5. As noted above, the Motion should be denied because the Scheduling Order has rendered the Motion moot. To the extent Reorganized Exide is unhappy with the Scheduling Order, it should seek reconsideration.
- Further, even if the Court does not agree that the Motion is moot due to the entry 6. of the Scheduling Order, the Motion must be denied because it was improperly filed. Pursuant to D. Del. L.R. 7.1.1., counsel filing a non-dispositive motion is required to certify that "a reasonable effort" has been made to reach agreement with opposing counsel on the matters set forth in the motion. On information and belief, Reorganized Exide's counsel did not file the D. Del. L.R. 7.1.1 certification. Such omission is not surprising since counsel for Reorganized Exide never contacted counsel for EnerSys with a specific proposal for an expedited briefing schedule. Counsel for Reorganized Exide did ask counsel to EnerSys whether, in concept, EnerSys would entertain or join in a request for an expedited appeal. Counsel to EnerSys, while admitting EnerSys likely would not entertain an expedited appeal process, did not foreclose such possibility and requested, on several occasions, including before the Motion was filed, a specific proposal. No such specific proposal was ever provided by Reorganized Exide prior to the filing of the Motion. In fact, the Motion itself contains no specific proposal. It was only after EnerSys' repeated request, following the filing of the Motion that Reorganized Exide provided a proposed expedited briefing schedule. Clearly, Reorganized Exide's efforts in this regard fail the intent of D. Del. L.R. 7.1.1; and, as such, the Motion must be denied.

7. To the extent this Court believes that the Motion is not moot and is not required to be denied based on Reorganized Exide's failure to comply with D. Del. L.R. 7.1.1., EnerSys submits that the Scheduling Order provides a reasonable timetable for briefing. This is a complex matter involving a substantial trial record. The Scheduling Order requires the EnerSys opening brief be filed by September 5, 2006, less than one month from now. Further, the Rejection Order and the Transition Plan do not require EnerSys to terminate use of the Exide mark until October 3, 2007 and do not permit Reorganized Exide to begin use of the mark until April 3, 2008. In other words, nothing of any importance can happen, regardless of the outcome of the appeal, for another year and a half. Under the circumstances, what exigent or unusual circumstances exist which could possibly justify shortening the time which EnerSys has to file its brief? The answer is obvious, no such unusual or exigent circumstances exist. In fact, the only interesting question is why, under the circumstances, Reorganized Exide continues to press the Motion.

WHEREFORE, EnerSys requests that the Motion be denied.

Dated: August 16, 2006

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